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1. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED POINTS SUPPLEMENTAL TO REFTEL SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED AND CONFIRMED APPROPRIATELY WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

2. THE SPECTRAL DATA CORPORATION (SDC) WILL OPERATE ONE (1) PHOTO MAPPING TEAM IN MEXICO FOR A PERIOD OF 10 MONTHS (ASSUMING START-UP AUG. 1 THROUGH MAY 30). THEY WILL MAP 80,000 SQKM OF AREA IN THE PRIMARY OPIUM CULTIVATION AREA

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FOUR TIMES DURING THE YEAR. (FLEXIBILITY SHOULD BE ALLOWED

FOR COVERING ADDITIONAL ZONAL AREAS AS NEEDED AND REDUCING FREQUENCY OF OVERFLIGHTS.) THEY WILL DELIVER MAPS, SHOWING EXISTING POPPY CULTIVATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ONGOING ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, TO THE ZONE COORDINATOR FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE MAPPING FLIGHT, AND IN A TIMELY MANNER COORDINATE WITH THE ONGOING ERADICATION CAMPAIGN.

3. SDC WILL ASSUME COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PHOTO-MAPPING OPERATION IN AN AREA EXTENDING ROUGHLY FROM LOS MOCHIS TO MAZATLAN AND FROM THE COAST EXTENDING INLAND FOR

A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 200 KILOMETERS. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE ADJUSTMENT OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IF INFORMATION INDICATES ADDITIONAL COVERAGE IS REQUIRED; ANY ADJUSTMENT WILL BE MUTUALLY DETERMINED BY GOM, USG AND CONTRACTOR. SDC WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION, MOVEMENT IF REQUIRED, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF ONE MOPSS SYSTEM INCLUDING AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT. WEATHER PERMITTING, SDC WILL OPERATE ON A 24-HOUR PER DAY 7-DAY PER WEEK SCHEDULE. THE OPERATION WILL COMMENCE ON 1 AUG. 1976 AND EXTEND THROUGH 31 JULY 1977. (PROVIDED THAT LETTERS OF AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED AND A CONTRACT DRAWN IN TIME TO PERMIT THIS.)

4. SDC WILL, IN ADDITION, PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE MOPSS TEAM OPERATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN THE FORM OF THE FOLLOWING U.S. PERSONNEL: TWO EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE MEN, ONE PHOTO PROCESSOR, ONE PHOTO NAVIGATOR. (WE ASSUME TRAINING OF GOM TEAM COMPLETE AND STRONGLY QUESTION THIS REQUIREMENT. PLEASE IDENTIFY CAREFULLY THE NEED, IF IT EXISTS, AND PROVIDE US WITH JUSTIFICATION.) THE SDC OPERATED TEAM WILL BE COMPOSED OF NOT MORE THAN FOURTEEN U.S. CITIZENS, AND FOUR MEXICAN CITIZENS. THE MEXICAN CONTINGENT WILL INCLUDE ONE LIAISON OFFICER AND TWO CO-PILOTS (NON A.G.) AND ONE BILINGUAL SECRETARY. (LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD BE NON-A.G. PERSON UNDER SDC AUTHORITY.) PROBLEM OF DISPROPORTIONATE SIZE OF U.S. AND GOM TEAM COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. SUGGEST YOU EXAMINE EARLIER SDC PROPOSAL ON TEAM NUMBER AND VERIFY THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NUMBER ON EACH TEAM WILL BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

5. THE SDC OPERATED MOPSS TEAM WILL BE LOCATED AT CULIACAN AND WILL BE SET UP IN A MANNER AND A LOCATION TO INSURE THE LOWEST POSSIBLE U.S. PROFILE. THE PRESENCE OF U.S. PERSONNEL WILL BE KEPT AS LOW KEY AS IS POSSIBLE. THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL ASSIGN ADEQUATE PERSON-

NEL TO BE CONTINUOUSLY PRESENT AT THE OPERATION SITE, TO ASSIST THE SDC TEAM IN A MANNER TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, E.G., SECURITY - CLEANING, BUT WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE PHOTOMAPPING SYSTEM EITHER PHYSICALLY OR IN A POSITION OF SUPERVISION OR AUTHORITY.

6. THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL DESIGNATE ONE PERSON OF HIGHEST AUTHORITY TO BE CONSTANTLY AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH THE SDC TEAM AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN EXECUTIVE DECISION AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE TEAM AND EXPEDITE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ITS MISSION.

7. THE SDC OPERATION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR PHASES:

PHASE I: THE INITIAL PHASE WILL CONSIST OF FINALIZING AN OPERATIONAL PLAN WHICH, ONCE INITIATED, WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF MODIFICATION. THE OPERATIONAL PLAN WILL COVER ROUTINE REPORTING, IMAGE HANDLING, MAP PRODUCTION SCHEDULE AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE OF MOPSS EQUIPMENT. THE SDC PROGRAM MANAGER AND THE MEXICAN LIAISON OFFICER WILL COORDINATE DURING THE PLANNING PHASE WITH THE AG EXECUTIVE COUNTERPART TO ASSURE THAT THE ANNOTATED PHOTOMAP PRODUCT DELIVERY WILL BE SCHEDULED IN A MANNER TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST ASSISTANCE TO THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN MANAGERS. DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF PHASE I THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL DELIVER TO THE SDC TEAM ONE OF THE AEROCOMMANDER SHRIKE AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE MOPSS OPERATION AND TWO MOPSS EQUIPPED TRAILERS AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE MOPSS OPERATION FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE OPERATIONAL CONTROL DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT. SDC WILL EFFECT SUCH MODIFICATIONS TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAMERA EQUIPMENT AS ARE NECESSARY TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF THE SPLIT VERTICAL MOPSS CAMERA ARRAYS IN THE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE INSPECTED BY A SDC U.S. MECHANIC AND U.S. PILOT AND SUCH REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AS ARE NEEDED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY DONE BY A SDC U.S. MECHANIC. IF OVERHAUL IS NEEDED, IT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MEXICO WITH A.G. AERO SERVICES SUPPORT AND SUPPLY. DURING THIS PHASE AND FOR THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT, THE AG AERO SERVICES MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT SUPPORT AS REQUIRED AND ON A TIMELY BASIS, THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS. THEY WILL PROVIDE A FULL-TIME AEROCOMMANDER AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL TO ASSIST THE SDC AIRCRAFT MECHANIC. SUCH PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A.G. MAINTENANCE USE WHEN NOT NEEDED BY SDC. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WILL IMMEDIATELY ISSUE NECESSARY

DOCUMENTATION (CREDIT CARD) TO PERMIT THE SUPPLY OF AVIATION GASOLINE, OIL AND LUBRICANT FOR THE AIRCRAFT TO THE SDC TEAM. THIS POL WILL BE CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE LABORATORY VANS WILL BE PLACED UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF SDC AT CULIACAN AND INSTALLED IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SITE, IF A CHANGE OF SITE IS INDICATED.

8. PHASE II: PHASE II WILL BE DIRECTED TO TACTICAL PROCEDURE THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON. THE OBJECTIVES OF PHASE II ARE: DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF-OPIMUM POPPY CULTIVATIONS WHICH ARE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ONE-TENTH ACRE IN SIZE; DETERMINE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF POPPY FIELDS; TRANSFERRAL OF OPIUM POPPY LOCATION DATA

ONTO AERONAUTICAL PHOTO MOSAIC CHARTS OF A SCALE TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM FACILITY FOR PILOT USE; DETERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF ERADICATION EFFORTS BY PROVISION OF SIMILAR PHOTO MOSAIC CHARTS; PROVISION, ON A WEEKLY BASIS, OF AN ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF IDENTIFICATION OF POPPY FIELDS AND VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION. THE PRODUCT EXCLUSIVE OF THE ANALYTICAL SUMMARY WILL BE DELIVERED FORTY-EIGHT HOURS FROM THE TIME OF THE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WILL BE DEPENDENT ON WEATHER AND AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY. DAILY REPORTS FROM THE ZONE COMMANDER WILL BE SUPPLIED TO THE SDC TEAM GIVING LOCATIONS OF ERADICATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATIONS FOR THE PRIOR DAY IN ORDER FOR THE WEEKLY ANALYTICAL SUMMARY TO BE PREPARED ACCURATELY AND ON TIME.

9. PHASE III. THE TACTICAL PROCEDURE WILL CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON. TOWARDS THE LATTER PART OF THE PROGRAM, THE EFFORT WILL BE REDIRECTED TOWARDS THE STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAMPAIGN. THE OBJECTIVES OF PHASE III WILL INCLUDE AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT BASED UPON THE WEEKLY SUMMARIES AND PHOTO INTERPRETER ACCURACY AND FALSE POSITIVE RATE. THE PHOTOS AND MAPS WILL BE ANALYZED TO DETERMINE: OPIUM POPPY PLANTING PATTERNS, BACKGROUND CROPS AND AVERAGE FIELD SIZE; IMPORTANT PLANTING LOCATIONS; ESTIMATED OPIUM YIELD FROM UNTREATED AREAS; EVIDENCE OF CENTRALIZED DISTRIBUTION OR COLLECTION SITES; ROUTES AND STORAGE AREAS, COLLECTION CENTERS, AND GENERAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING INTELLIGENCE. SEPARATE MAPS WILL BE GENERATED FOR THIS DETAILED INTERPRETATION. FINAL PRODUCT AS DEVELOPED ON MUTUALLY AGREED SCHEDULE SDC, GOM AND USG WILL BE PROVIDED IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MEXICAN A.G.'S OFFICE AND EMBASSY N.A.U.

10. PHASE IV: FINAL CHECKOUT OF ALL EQUIPMENT IN ORDER

TO LEAVE IT PREPARED FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.
PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL
EQUIPMENT FOR FOLLOWING CAMPAIGN.

11. THE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE
POINTS TO BE KEPT IN MIND IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFEC-
TIVE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE USG CONTRACTED MOPSS
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